

COMMISSION TO RULE ON STATUS OF FREELY

City Rulers Expected to Decide
Tomorrow If It Is Common
Carrier.

(Continued from First Page.)
The existing long-established and conventionally created and controlled carriers should be encouraged and protected in their legal and reasonable rights, and certainly that any experiments in such service should be placed under regulation and on economic parity with the street railways so far as operating conditions are concerned.
This is made more apparent when it is considered that the existing carriers have always stood and now stand willing to furnish additional facilities when the need for such is shown to exist, a position evidenced by the recent application of this company to furnish such facilities in the identical territory intended to be served by two street lines, recently licensed, an application that was returned by your commission.
Under date of February 23, the Capital Traction Company in response to an inquiry concerning the commission's intent regarding the matter of streetcar service, was informed that "the commission is aware of the importance of this question and of the fact that the streetcar service in Washington on such a scale as to become an important means of transportation, the commission will take such steps as the conditions justify."
Rates charged by the public utilities of the District of Columbia are soon to come under the scrutiny of the Public Utilities Commission which is today nearing the completion of the physical valuation of these properties.
The subject of universal transfers,

and its relation to the rates charged by the street railway companies, probably will be the first question considered following the valuation.
Indications now are that a complete valuation of the street railway systems, the telephone company, the gas and electric utilities will have been completed by November 1.
The Utilities Commission has fortified itself by engaging the services of the legal department of the city and will be prepared to defend in court, if necessary, the findings of fact regarding the valuation of the public utilities of the National Capital.
The valuation figures will be directly related to the rates for services rendered and a readjustment of these rates may confidently be expected if ground for action is shown at the completion of the valuation proceedings.
The commission is understood to feel that the universal transfers question is paramount, and its consideration awaits only the report of the examiner who for months have been investigating the value of the physical property of the street railway systems.
There will follow an investigation of the equity of the telephone, gas, and electric light rates now charged the consumers of Washington.
It was learned today that the Utilities Commission may have to incur a deficiency in completing the big task of valuing the public utilities. The \$50,000 fund placed at the disposal of the commission has been practically exhausted, owing to the magnitude of the task tackled. About \$100,000 is said to remain in the fund, and it is planned to detail clerical assistants from the regular municipal buildings forces to aid in doing the work within the appropriation.
If there is a deficiency despite this detail of District building assistants, it is expected Congress will make up the slight difference, as it directed a complete valuation of the utilities.
Realizing that the efforts of the commission to reduce rates may be combated in the courts, and its valuation figures challenged, several experts of recognized ability have been employed at salaries said to be commensurate with their worth and salary earning capacities.

Kills Self on 5 Cents.
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 24.—Penniless and desperate, John Schuch, an early today borrowed 5 cents from one of his daughters and purchased a bottle of poison. He then went to the home of another daughter and drank it. He died at the Methodist Hospital.

THE BROKEN COIN

By EMERSON HOUGH.

(Continued from Yesterday.)

CHAPTER XXXVII

The Body of the Crime.

It had been easy for Roleau, as may be supposed, once he was free of the immediate presence of the officers, to spring into the nearest alleyway and quickly pass from sight. While the officers, in charge, were thus distinguished, prisoners, was passing in the car toward the front entrance of the Hotel Ritz, Roleau himself was speeding thither almost as quickly through various passages, always with the rear of the car in front. He was at the back door almost as soon as the car itself was at the front door, and the delay of all the questioning which went on at the rear of the hotel gave him the more time for certain plans of his own.
Attaining entrance at the rear, he sped up the back stairs, by the same route which he and his mistress had used so recently, and found himself once more at the apartments of Betty Gray.
He did not know what acts had been committed here since he and his mistress had left. Indeed, as he entered, he was quite a puzzle even to the wits of Roleau, sharpened as they were by the excitement of the chase. He was sure of one thing, he could not be too quick to see the scene himself to learn whatever might be learned of value to his mistress. He wished to see what had happened, but he was not sure that he could do so without being seen. He walked down the hall, nor as he approached the door of the apartments where he had more than once before been knocked.
This time he did not knock. Instead, he swiftly flung the door wide open and entered.
What he saw caused even his stout nerves to quail for the time. On the floor before him, with face half turned and arms outstretched, lay the body of the last adventure connected with the mysterious Gretchen coin. Yes, murder had done, and here, in the arms of the corpse was the corpus delicti body of the crime!
Roleau did not know this man at first, but he seemed to know him. He had seen him in the kindred kingdom of Grahent, these features before him, and he had bent over, looking at the man, but having a care not to step in this wide hall of red which lay on the carpet, not to touch his fingers to the stained garments which bore witness to the violence which had been done.
Carefully, yet using that speed which he knew was imperative, Roleau bent over, making search as he could of the silent evidence of the crime. It seemed to him almost certain that he had seen this man somewhere, but he could not be sure. He stooped, hesitated, and then, with a sudden gasp, he sought concealment behind the hangings of the room. He was sure that he had heard some one move in the rear room of the apartment.
He had no more than concealed himself before he had full evidence of the justice of his suspicion. A sudden rustling behind the curtained door, heard the slight shuffling of a step, and saw emerge from the concealing doorway a face which he knew, which he knew he could not mistake that cunning, little chin, the shifting eyes, the almost silent footfall which carried him so lightly. Yes, Roleau knew him, knew him well enough. He had met him not so long before in combat at the lodge of Count Sachio, he saved the life of his excellency from this very man. He had fought him again in his own den in the slums of Grahent here, yes, he had. Blake, the leader of the apaches, the leader of Grahent's underworld. Devotedly Roleau regretted that he had not killed him when he had the chance. So, then, Blake was here; he knew something of this deed which had been done. Roleau tightened his own muscles for the spring, even as he waited. The apache advanced silently, stealthily. Listening now and then, his little eyes turning from side to side, all the senses seemingly strained to catch the least indication of any one approaching. Then he turned swiftly to his work.
He stooped over the body and knelt by its side, thrust a hand into the pockets of the coat, and at length drew out a folded paper, which he hurriedly crowded into his own pocket. Then he was about to rise, but at that instant he felt the tiger's paw of the giant Roleau upon his own back. A hand caught his arm back of his head, crowded it up toward the back of his neck, strained it into a position of excruciating pain. An arm around his neck, choking him. He was helpless.

"Let up," said Roleau, at length grimly. "I know you, so, you did this? Come along with me."
His right hand gripping the collar of his prisoner, and holding up the pinioned arm in such fashion as to leave its owner helpless, Roleau pushed his prisoner out ahead of him.
"March," said he.
"Make a move and I will break your arm in two." And Blake, the apache leader, finding himself helpless, even obeyed his captor's orders.
Now it was this strange apparition, of Roleau marching his prisoner before him, which gave rise to the procession of the law as it advanced toward the scene of the crime. The prefect of the city, his officers, Count Sachio, Count Sachio's Kitty Gray, all these were paused now.

(Continued Next Sunday.)

For Freckled, Tanned, Red or Wrinkled Skin

Just beneath that freckled, tanned or reddened complexion there's an exquisitely beautiful skin of youthful tint and delicacy. If you could only bring this complexion to the surface, discarding the discolored one! You can—in the easiest, simplest, most natural way. You can get it by using at any drugstore an ounce of ordinary mercuric wash, apply nightly like cold cream, removing it mornings with warm water. The wash is a Nature by gradually peeling off the lingering particles of scorched and half-dead surface skin, causing no discomfort. It removes all blemishes, like pimples, blotches, liver spots, moth patches, freckles, of course disappear with the old skin. Nothing else will accomplish such wonderful results in so short a time. Fine lines and even deeper wrinkles often appear at this season, in such cases nothing is better than a face bath made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered azoite in 1/4 pt. witch hazel. This is remarkably effective.—Adv.

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Women's Belts and Girdles, of all materials and elastics—makers' samples and odd lots. Many pretty and stylish designs to choose from.

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Worth \$5, \$6 and \$7, at \$2

Wonderful wash dress values for Black Arrow Day—and with several months of wearing time ahead every thrifty woman will want to share the immense savings.

Our entire stock of Wash Dresses remaining from lines formerly sold at \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00, grouped in one lot and marked at this low price for final clearance tomorrow. Never before have such high-class garments been sold at such little cost.

Materials consist of Striped Voiles, Plain Voiles, Embroidered Voiles, Figured Voiles, Novelty Crepes, Ratines, Linens, etc.

Every approved style of the season represented in the lot. Choice of a large assortment of colors and combinations. All sizes for misses and women. Black Arrow Sale price, \$2.00.



A Rousing Black Arrow Sale Offering of Men's Fiber Silk Hosiery

Regular 25c Quality. (3 Pairs for 50c) 17c

At 17c a pair it means that you are practically getting three pairs of this excellent quality Fiber Silk Hosiery for the usual cost of two pairs—an economy worth any man's while.

Extra good, heavyweight Fiber Silk Half Hose, with seamless foot, double sole, heel and toe; very serviceable and stylish. Choice of white, black, navy, gray, green and Palm Beach shades.

Every pair a staple 25c value. Black Arrow Sale price, 17c pair, or three pairs for 50c.

Men's Furnishing Dept., 1st Floor, Entrance From 7th Street.

59c and 75c Linoleums—Genuine Cook's Heavy-duty for Arrow Day selling at the same low price quoted before the sale. Light and dark colors, in tile and parquet flooring designs. 8-quarter width. Black Arrow Sale price, square yard. 29c

59c Mirrors—Massive Four-Inch Gilt Molding Framed various designs of molding. Just the thing for hall or bathroom. One to a buyer. Black Arrow Sale price. (Fourth Floor). 29c

\$16.50 and \$18.00 Rugs—9x12-ft. Seamless Velvet strictly perfect quality; the well-known Alexander Smith's and conventional designs, in color of pink, blue, brown, monochrome with any room decoration. Black Arrow Sale price. 10.85

50c Blankets—20x40 Crib Blankets, wool nap fleece knotty in the laundry. In pink or blue Teddy Bear and other nursery designs. Black Arrow Sale price. 29c

25c Mattings—Extra Heavy-weight Seamless China red, or brown, also plain white. Full rolls, from which will cut any quantity you require. Black Arrow Sale price. 14c

\$1.50 and \$2 Curtains—600 pairs of Lace Curtains, in plain shades; 3, 3 and 3 1/2 yards, Ivory, ecru, and Ararat. Plain and elaborate worked designs, copies of the finest real lace. Strictly perfect quality. Black Arrow Sale price. 1.00

\$3.00 Blankets—Fine Grade Wool-nap Blankets, large-hole of white, or gray, with fancy borders, with silk-bound edges, also plain. Black Arrow Sale price. 1.95

\$3.50 Matting Rugs—9x12 ft. Japanese Matting Rugs; 1/2 weight serviceable 150-warp matting; not the thin, flimsy grade usually sold at similar prices. Light and dark colors, in color and in oriental designs. Black Arrow Sale price. 1.59

\$1 and \$1.50 Wash Skirts—For Black Arrow day in one lot the entire balance of our stock of Wash Skirts from lines formerly sold at \$1.00 and \$1.50. Materials consist of fine quality ratine, in several of the smartest tailored styles. All regular sizes, waistbands, as well as extra sizes up to 36 for stout figures. Black Arrow sale price. 69c

\$15, \$18 and \$20 Silk Dresses—Lot of 128 Silk remaining stock marked at a price that means busy selling tomorrow. Materials are crepe, tulle, in plain and combination effects; crepe de chine, satin duchesse, crepe metier. The season's smartest fashion ideas in the new Pleated, Sport and Tailored Dresses are represented. Colors are navy, beige, black, rust, and all sizes for misses and women. Black Arrow Sale price. 6.95

Men's Hose—Men's Fast Black Maco Cotton Half Hose, serviceable quality. Sold regularly at 15c pair. Six pairs for 85c. Black Arrow Sale price. 35c

\$1 Union Suits—Men's "Alyknit" Union Suits, the cool pants with short or long sleeves and ankle-length drawers. Not all sizes. Black Arrow Sale price. 35c

50c Underwear—Men's "Poronkitt" Underwear; shirts in all sizes; ankle-length drawers in sizes 30 to 36 only. White or ecru. Black Arrow Sale price. 19c

\$2 and \$2.50 Pants—Pants of good, serviceable material, in neat stripes, plain colors and mixtures. Well tailored and correctly cut. Sizes 30 to 42 waist measure. Black Arrow Sale price. 1.19

45c Damask—60-inch Yarn Mercerized Satin Table perfectly and give excellent service. Choice of neat patterns. Black Arrow Sale price. 25c

\$1 Napkins—18x18 Mercerized Satin Damask choice of five neat patterns. Black Arrow Sale price. (Limit, one dozen to buyer). 59c

12 1/2c and 15c Towels—Turkish Towels, plain white, also fancy weaves or fringed ends. Black Arrow Sale price. (Limit, one dozen to buyer). 84c

50c Nightgowns—Nightgowns, good quality white nainsook; simple designs. Neatly made and finished. Black Arrow Sale price. (Art Dept). 25c

40c Combinations—Ready-made and Stamped good quality nainsook. Neat designs. Black Arrow Sale price. (Art Dept). 19c

50c and 69c Wash Suits—Boys' Dutch Daddy Suits, in white, tan, blue and navy, with tan, blue and navy combinations. Trimmed with elegant large buttons. Sizes 2 to 7 years. Black Arrow Sale price. TWO for 59c

50c Caps—Boys' Navy Blue Serge English Band "Golf Caps" all sizes, from 6 1/2 to 7. Black Arrow Sale price. 37c

50c Nightgowns—Boys' White Cambric Nightgowns, trimmed with green or blue piping. Black Arrow Sale price. 33c

15c and 19c Lace Bands—Fillet and Fancy Cotton Lace Bands, various patterns; widths up to 6 inches. Black Arrow Sale price, yard. 8c

For Black Arrow Day—A Sale of Men's \$12.50 to \$16.50 Suits, at \$7.75

A deeply reduced price has been placed on this lot of men's suits to make Arrow Day one of the busiest of the month. Most of the suits are of a weight that can be worn until cold weather arrives—and men who want to save money on their clothes should not miss this opportunity.

Suits of all-wool fabrics, including Fancy Mixtures, Checks, Stripes, and Novelty, also Worsted, Black-and-white English Checks, Blue Serges, and Fancies.

Every suit made for this season's wear. English patch pocket models and conservative styles. Not a complete range of sizes in each style, but all sizes from 36 to 44 for young men and 34 to 38 for men in the lot.

Men's Clothing Dept.—4th Floor.

39c Dresses—Infants' Short White Dresses, of nainsook; yokes of embroidery tucks and lace insertions; skirts finished with deep hem and lace insertions; neck and sleeves neatly trimmed; sizes six months to 3 years. Black Arrow Sale price. 25c

50c Dresses—Little Girls' Wash Dresses, percales and chambrays, in a large assortment of styles; light and medium colors; some with white gimpes and loose belts; sizes 2 to 6 years. Black Arrow Sale price. 39c

29c Gowns—Children's Nightgowns, of nainsook, low trimmed; neck and kimono sleeves; lace trimmings; well made and full-cut sizes. Black Arrow Sale price. 19c

\$1.50 Kimonos—Cape Kimonos, of genuine serpentine Japanese and floral designs, some with white lawn collars and cuffs, others trimmed with mouseline. Black Arrow Sale price. 98c

50c Sacques—Women's White Lawn Dressing Sacques, of trimmed collars and cuffs, others with plaited front and belted back; all sizes. Black Arrow Sale price. 39c

75c Bread Boxes—Boxes, roll top style; heavily japanned; white or oak colors; good sizes. Black Arrow Sale price each. 37c

75c Wash Boilers—Extra Quality Tin Wash Boilers, with drop handles, with drop handles, strongly made; large size No. 8. Black Arrow Sale price. 47c

29c Brooms—Extra Quality Five-string Carpet Brooms, strongly made. Black Arrow Sale price. (None delivered). 19c

75c Brushes—Tampico Wire drawn Floor Sweeping Brushes, with long handles, Black Arrow Sale price. 39c

10c Brushes—Scrubbing Brushes, assorted styles, price, each. 5c

29c Washboards—Heavy Metal-covered Washboards, with double top. Black Arrow Sale price. 19c

10c Salt Shakers—Large-size Crystal Glass Salt Shakers, with long handles, Black Arrow Sale price, each. 5c

Jar Tops—Mason's Best Quality Porcelain Lined Jar Tops. Black Arrow Sale price, dozen. 18c

50c Flourings—39-inch Gyronny Flourclags, designs. Black Arrow Sale price, yard. 39c

50c Gloves—Women's 2-clasp Pure Silk Gloves, guaranteed finger tips, Black Arrow Sale price, and white; mostly all sizes. Black Arrow Sale price. 33c

25c Mesh Veiling—Plain and Fancy Mesh Veilings, in black and colors; newest styles. Black Arrow Sale price, yard. 8c

19c Neckwear—Quaker Collars, of organdy; with wide bands, edged with black; others with hemstitched or tucked borders. Black Arrow Sale price, yard. 11c

19c Vests—Women's Fine Ribbed Cotton Vests, low neck and arms; shaped; extra sizes only. Black Arrow Sale price. 12 1/2c

39c Union Suits—Women's Light-weight Cotton Union Suits, low neck and sleeves; lace-trimmed and tight-knee pants. Black Arrow Sale price. 25c

12 1/2c Vests—Women's Gauze Cotton Vests, low neck and sleeves; shaped; extra sizes only. Black Arrow Sale price. 7 1/2c

50c Hose—Women's Pure Silk Hose, seamless garter tops; foot double sole, heel and toe; subject to slight imperfections. Black Arrow Sale price. 25c

12 1/2c Hose—Women's Fine Ribbed Lisle Hose, full toe; choice of black or white. Odd sizes. Black Arrow Sale price. (Three pairs for 50c). 8 1/2c

25c Hose—Misses' Fine Ribbed Lisle Hose, full toe; choice of black or white. Odd sizes. Black Arrow Sale price. 17c

Tex Wax—One-pound packages of Tex Wax for sealing jellies, washing clothes and ironing. Black Arrow Sale price. 6 1/2c

\$1.25 Black Taffeta—36-inch Black Taffeta Silk, all finish grade, in Copenhagen, Belgian, gray and brown, with black stripe. Black Arrow Sale price, yard. 89c

89c Silk Poplin—36-inch Silk Poplin, all street white and black. Black Arrow Sale price. 59c

\$1.50 Crepe de Chine—40-inch Fox Loom Crepe de Chine, in Copenhagen, Belgian, gray and brown, with black stripe. Black Arrow Sale price. 69c

Boys' Wash Suits—Boys' Wash Suits, in white and navy, one, two, and three of each style. Sizes 2 1/2 to 8 years of age. Left from our regular lines selling up to \$2.50. Black Arrow Sale price. 75c

35c Val Laces—12-yard pieces of Valenciennes Laces, square mesh; assorted widths and patterns. Black Arrow Sale price. 19c

25c Salt and Peppers—Silver-plated Salt and Pepper Castors, dainty designs in pierced silver. Black Arrow Sale price, set. (Jewelry Dept.). 15c